APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 289 asked by Sri T. Purushotham at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 7th April 1955, page 906 supra.]

(*a*) *The total number of Lino machines in the Government Press, Madras*—Thirty.

(*b*) *The strength of mechanics working in the Lino Department for each shift*—

First shift (6 a.m. to 2 p.m.)—One senior mechanic and two junior mechanics.

Second shift (2 p.m. to 10 p.m.)—One senior mechanic and two junior mechanics.

Office hours (8-45 a.m. to 5-30 p.m.)—Two head mechanics and one auxiliary mechanic.

(*c*) *The number of Lino machines that are not working and the reasons therefor*—Five old machines out of the 30 machines are not working. Five new machines were purchased to replace the above five old machines, which however were not condemned but kept on for use in emergencies, to enable the running of some of the machines on single shift, etc. Further, matrices which are essential for the working of a Linotype machine have been in short supply for a considerable time and the indent placed with the Director-General, India Stores, London, in 1952, has not been complied with yet. Certain important matrices were not available locally, and the local rates were also high. In view of this and as the matrices for which orders were placed in London in 1952, were expected to arrive at any time, the matrices in the five old machines were removed for use on five new machines. Though the five new machines were supplied with matrices, the matrices had to be replaced on account of wear and tear.

(*d*) *The amount spent towards the local purchase of Lino spares and matrices from 1st January to 1st October 1954*—Rs. 3,990–1–0.

(*e*) *Whether Lino spares, etc., were received from the United Kingdom recently and if so, the year in which the indent was made for the same*—Yes, Sir, on 29th October 1954. The indent was made on 3rd January 1952 for the year 1951–52.